

# A PAGE FOR WOMEN AND THE HOME

## THE DAILY SHORT STORY

### When Jack Failed.

By CLAUD SMITH.  
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HAT Bob is willing to have me do is one thing and what Jack would let you do another. Geraldine Stone assured Julie Fay, as they lingered together under the glow of the soft lights of the hotel where they had been taking tea. Geraldine had just taken from her purse a check that she passed across the table for Julie's inspection. It was for an amount in three figures that made Julie's eyes open wide in wonder when she read the signature.

"How could you accept that from anyone who is not your husband or brother or father, Geraldine," she said reprovingly. "This Mr. Judson is only a friend of your husband, I thought. I didn't know married girls ever accepted presents like that." So convinced was Julie of Geraldine's inability to do anything that was not up to her own standard of deportment, that curiosity and surprise played a more prominent part in her manner than real reproval.

"Oh, well, Julie, it's this way," Geraldine said, with carelessness, tossing the check back into her handbag. "You know, Bob used to have a much larger income, and he gave me everything I wanted. It wasn't my fault that he lost his money, and he realizes that perfectly. Sometime he'll have more, after he's been working at this new deal for a few more years; but in the meantime I'm young and Bob is sure that I really care a lot for him. He can't take me out and get me things that he used to, and he is not so narrow as to object to having other men in a perfectly nice way do the little things that he can't afford."

"But are you going to show him the check?" quipped Julie, still amazed. "Won't he feel dreadfully about it?" "I shan't bother to show it to him, silly, but he wouldn't object. You see, we've known Mr. Judson for a long time—he's such a nice old bachelor—and well, I had tea with him yesterday, and you know how cold it was. He said I ought to have a heavier coat, and I said I didn't have one, so he slipped out his check book and when no one was looking wrote this out. He tucked it into my purse when he handed me into the taxi. He always sends me home in a taxi, of course."

"And you didn't send the check back?"

"How ridiculous! It's to buy a coat with. I can get a rather nice seal skin for that. It isn't as if he had a wife, or as if anyone would misunderstand. And Bob—though I haven't told him about the coat—told me he didn't mind the least mind my having tea with Mr. Judson. He said he didn't mind in the least having him do nice things for me. He knows as well as I do that a girl can't poke at him all the time. Husbands nowadays are so much broader than they used to be. Your Jack would be just the same if he lost his money. Do you imagine that you'd pine away just because he couldn't afford to take you about, or that you'd always walk just because he couldn't pay your taxi fares? Another friend of Bob's sends me matinee tickets occasionally. Bob knows it, of course."

"It must be very interesting," admitted Julie, rising and putting on her gloves. "As long as Bob really knows that it's perfectly all right. Do let me know about the fur coat. Do you really think I'd do that if Jack were poor?"

Tucked warmly away in her limousine, after having taken Geraldine to her small apartment, Julie pondered over her friend's confession. She was quite sure that Geraldine was right—Geraldine always was—and probably she, too, would go to tea with other men if Jack could no longer afford to "give her a good time." She wasn't so sure about her fur coat. Perhaps she could have enough coats on hand when the crash came so that that wouldn't be necessary. Then she thought of the quiet dinner that she and Jack were to spend together, and the quiet evening afterward and the many, many quiet evenings that would follow. It seemed, as she thought of it, that may be Geraldine's misfortune was not so crushing after all. Her own Jack did not take her about, though he could well afford it. If he couldn't afford it, he would let other men take her to places—Geraldine had assured her of that—and then she and Geraldine would meet each other at hotels with benevolent kindly disposed people like Mr. Judson, and there they would dance to their heart's content.

For several weeks Julie could not get the idea of this possibility of freedom and enjoyment from her mind, and before long she began actually to feel envy of Geraldine, instead of the pity that had come when she had first heard of her loss of fortune. At least if Jack should lose his fortune there would be an end of the deadly routine life would have to work nights, like Bob, and there would be a chance for diversion and amusement. To Julie's youthful mind, the picture was alluring, and sometimes in her dreams of the possibility of such enjoyment, Jack would catch her gazing off into space and she would come back with a guilty little laugh.

The one day Jack telephoned, with a tired, joyless note in his voice, that he would have to work that night. For several nights in succession he had to work, and Julie saw him only at breakfast, when he was too deep in the stock quotations to be interested in her girlish prattle. Here were the symptoms of the financial reverses that Julie had been thinking about. And after Jack's moodiness had continued for three or four weeks, and he had confessed that the cause of his preoccupation was financial worry, and had actually got her to sign over to him the house he had given her, Julie knew that the time had come when she, like Geraldine, must show her pluck. It was actually her duty, Jack, Geraldine had convinced her, not to mope at home. There was nothing gloomy to a husband on the

## SILK CREPE FOR CLASS DAY FROCK



By BETTY BROWN.

Just as every patriotic woman is planning to make each summer gown do the work of several average costumes, the June graduate plans her reduced graduation trousseau for the demands of the later season. The class day gown which usually shows a touch of color in contrast to the white of graduation day, is here interestingly developed in a pink crepe de chine which looks to hemstitching and large pearl buttons for its only ornament. Large patch pockets, apparently buttoned on above three rows of hemstitching in the skirt lend the costume that air of vacation between formality and informality which renders it adaptable to many occasions.

brink of financial failure, Geraldine had told her, as a wife as worried and dejected as herself. When Julie had planned a bit before, it seemed quite easy—making tea dates with her husband's friends and discovering old bachelors willing to make out checks for seal skin coats. But apparently Jack's friends were different from Bob's, and though Julie assumed her most debonnaire manner she met Jack's associates, there were no tea dates. And when, at her own suggestion, she joined Geraldine and Bob for a little dinner party at which a few men friends of Bob's were also present, she had no better success, and her dinner companion talked incessantly of Jack. Although she knew it was not intentional, she felt that she had been reproved by him for ever having thought of seeking any other man's society. Still Julie persevered. Above all things, she wanted to be modern, and she wanted to be like Geraldine, her idol. But the effort told upon her, although she wore her prettiest clothes and was at all times animated in her mood the dark circles under her blue eyes widened and the tiny wrinkles that always showed on her fair forehead when she had lost a little weight, became more and more apparent.

It was one night at dinner when she had not seen Jack, excepting at breakfast, for more than two weeks. The beginning of the end came when she told Jack that she thought it was only fair to her that he should tell her "all." She had, though she did not tell him, gone over her entire possessions and had made all mental plans to move out of the house at short notice. Jack answered by saying that he was sure she had been going through more than he had, and it was not very strange that such an honest little blue-eyed wife as Julie should have confessed, then, her whole scheme. "I must be terribly unattractive," she said. "I've tried so hard to be thoroughly up to date and to take things the way Geraldine has. But somehow I couldn't get anybody even to take me to tea. And there is nothing so disheartening in the world as a wife who mopes at home when her husband is on the verge of failure."

"On the verge of what?" laughed Jack. "Who said I was on the verge of failure?" Julie admitted that it was

the signing over of the house that had convinced her of the fact. "And now I want you to take it back again," Jack told her. "I've just been through the biggest strain of my life. My own affairs were all right, but Bob was in a position where, with a little backing, he could get back on his feet again. He didn't ask me to help him, but I offered—and I needed every bit of money I had for security. I would have told you, only I knew if I did that you would go and tell Geraldine, and Bob wanted it to be a surprise. And now we're through the ordeal, and we both made money, and here's a little surprise. Bob and Geraldine and you and I are going out for a bang-up good time. They'll call for us in a few minutes."

When Geraldine came she wore her last year's coat. Julie whispered to her, "You decided not to get the seal skin?" she said.

"Of course not, silly," said Geraldine. "Girls nowadays don't do that sort of thing."

## HEALTH HINTS

Deme Nature does her best to help us to a rational diet for summer weather, suggesting by her generous gifts of fruits and vegetables that THEY are the things to eat when days are hot and human bodies are languid.

Many of us take the hint, but the menu-maker and cook is the one responsible for the family health, and summer meals should be more than a matter of instinct with her.

Diet experts and scientists have

simple and reasonable hints for the adjustment of foods to the summer needs of the body. They explain that one of the chief functions of food is to supply energy and heat to the body. In summer temperature the need for both heat and energy is reduced, and therefore the food supply may be lightened and lessened in proportion. Even if muscular work is continued as in winter, less energy is required than in cold weather and there is more complete relaxation during rest periods.

The well balanced summer diet will reduce the protein foods almost by half, using little meat, no fat meat, and choosing eggs, cheese, milk and other meat substitutes instead. The bulk of the diet should be from among other meat substitutes instead. The bulk of the diet should be from among fresh vegetables simply cooked, baked potatoes, creamed onions, new peas, corn, peas, carrots, beets, and all green salad vegetables. Salads may be served with simple oil and vinegar or mayonnaise dressings as often as twice a day and fruit in some form is palatable at every meal. Hot breads with their butter and sirup accompaniments are not good summer foods, but simple or substantial sandwiches made from any of the new conservation bread recipes are the best companions for fruit and vegetables. Cottage cheese and milk are summer stand-bys too.

Summer desserts should be in keeping with the desire for cool and simple foods. Instead of pies and rich puddings serve cornstarch and gelatin puddings with fruit juices and fresh cream. Ices, frozen creams and custards, tapioca, and all the fresh

fruits in season offer sufficient variety—and afford wheat-saving opportunities.

## LIGHTER DIET SPELLS HEALTH

When certain crimes occur the police say: "Find the woman."

When certain mysterious diseases occur the modern medical man says: "Find the root of infection."

In fact, one of the most important discoveries in medicine made in recent years is the relationship existing between local infected areas and inflammatory conditions in some other portion of the body.

It has been demonstrated for example, that chronic infection in a tonsil or abscess at the root of a tooth may be, and frequently is, the source from which acute articular rheumatism or acute valvular disease of the heart has its origin.

A case occurring recently in a hospital in a large city illustrates the relationship between abscess of the roots of the teeth and chronic rheumatism.

The patient, a young man of 20, was admitted to the hospital for chronic rheumatism. He gave a history of having been ill for more than a year and at the time of his admission was practically helpless, one hand being so deformed and crippled by the disease as to be practically useless. It was noticed that he had a number of teeth with gold crowns and inquiry developed the fact his rheumatism developed within two weeks after having the dental work done.

An X-ray photograph showed abscess cavities at the roots of three teeth. The teeth were extracted and an immediate improvement in his condition was observed. He was able to leave the hospital in about two weeks, but must carry his deformities throughout the remainder of his life.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS. F. S. asks: "Does every child attacked by infantile paralysis become crippled?"

Fortunately only a very small number of the victims are left severely and helplessly crippled.

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